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Letter dated 30 December 2009 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you regarding the Commission of Inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the assassination of the former Pakistani Prime Minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto.

I have received from the Head of the Commission, Ambassador Heraldo Muñoz, a request that I extend the conclusion of the Commission's mandate from 31 December 2009 to 31 March 2010. Because of the substantial amount of information collected by the Commission in Pakistan and the further follow-up work that remains, the Commissioners have requested additional time to complete their report.

I have agreed to grant an additional three months to enable the Commission to complete its inquiry and prepare the report. The additional period will be funded by the existing voluntary contributions made by Member States; no additional funds will be necessary. The Government of Pakistan has agreed to this extension.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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